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REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into Group I (claims 1-27), Group II (claims 28-37 and 39), and Group III (claim 38). In addition, the Examiner requested an election of species as follows: Species I Figures 1-7, 9-13 and 18; Species II Figure 8; Species III Figure 14; Species IV Figures 15-17; and Species V Figure 19.

In response, the applicants elect Group I (claims 1-27) and Species I directed to Figures 1-7, 9-13 and 18 without traverse. Claims 23 and 27 have been withdrawn, and non-elected claims 28-39 have been canceled. Accordingly, please begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-22 and 24-26. Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicant(s) request considerations of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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